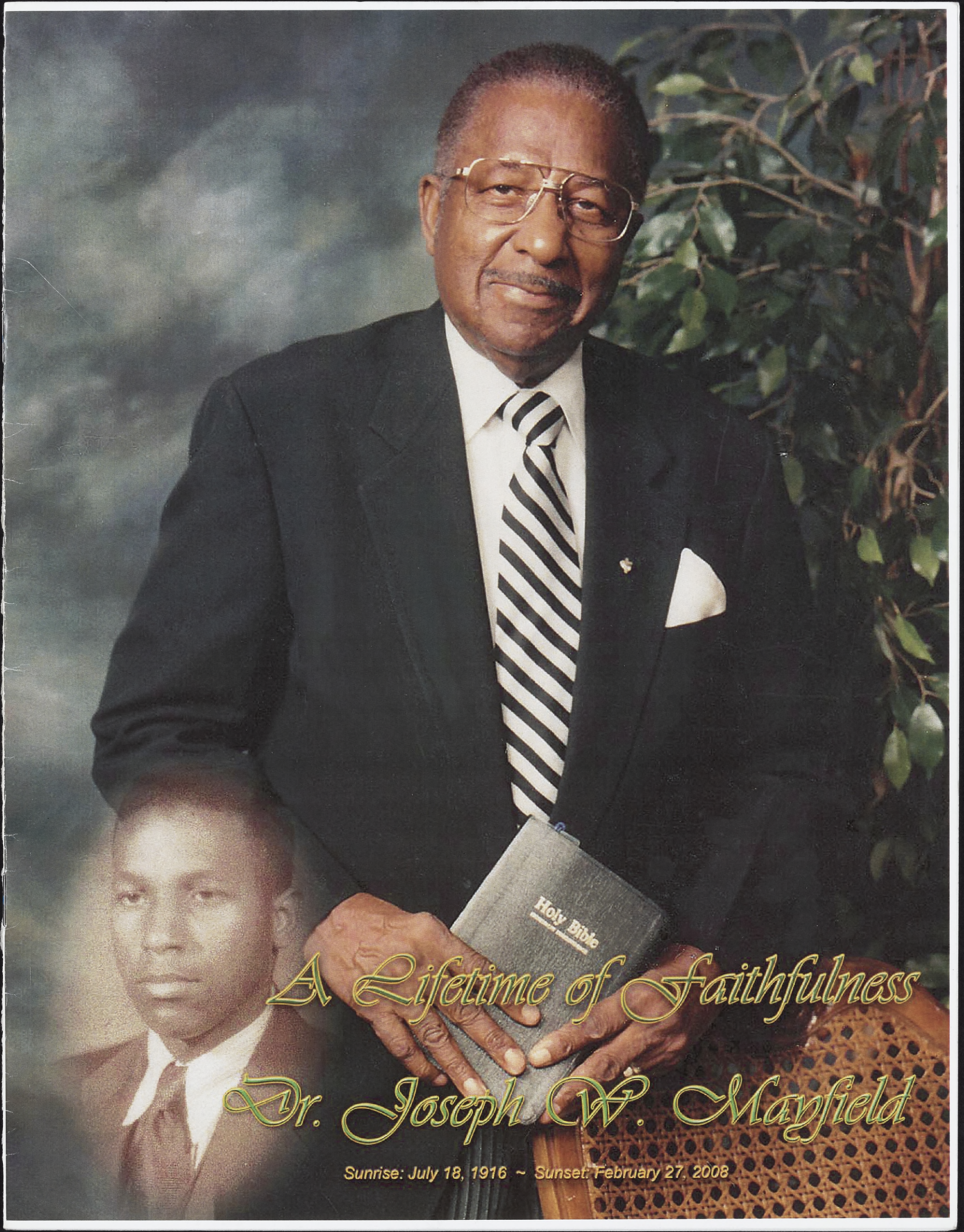

A Lifetime of Faithfulness

Dr. Joseph W. Mayfield

Sunrise: July 18, 1916 ~ Sunset: February 27, 2008

A Celebration of Life

Dr. Joseph W. Mayfield

Friday, March 7, 2008 - 11:00 a.m.
West Angeles Church of God in Christ
3045 South Crenshaw Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90016

Bishop Charles E. Blake
Presiding Bishop
Church of God in Christ
Jurisdictional Prelate

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Order of Service

Master of Ceremony - Administrative Assistant Joe Ealy

Processional & Parting View .....Clergy and Family

Sealing of the Bier .....

Invocation .....Administrative Assistant James Shaw

Old Testament Scripture .....Supt. Julius C. Rogers, Shiloh District

New Testament Scripture .....Elder Wilbert Jones, Jr., Pastor Emmanuel Church

United States Army Tribute of Honor

"I'm Pressing On" .....Mass Choir

Acknowledgements .....Ms. Mattie Eskridge, Executive Secretary
Department of Women
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Reflections
(Please Limit to two minutes)

Jurisdictional Convention Coordinator .....Supervisor Frances Harris
State of Montana

The South Los Angeles Region .....Supt. Isom McCray

The State Youth Department .....Elder Prince Sykes &
First Lady Marva Sykes

The Ordination Board ..... Dr. Mack Trimble, Chairman

Superintendents and Pastor's .....Administrative Assistant Ron C. Hill

Administrative Assistants .....Administrative Assistant Ron Gibson

"Emmanuel" .....Mass Choir

Words of Comfort .....Mother Barbara McCoo Lewis
Jurisdictional Supervisor
Southern California 1st Jurisdiction

Reflections from the Family

Solo - Great-granddaughter.....Mrs. Andrea Marie Clavon
The Grandchildren ..... A. J., Tony, Mia, and Maria
The Children .....Joseph, Jr., Margaret and Mary

The Life Story of Dr. J. W. Mayfield
Mrs. Shirley Fuller

Introduction of Speaker .....Administrative Assistant Robert Cole

Song of Celebration .....Mrs. Odessa Brox

Eulogy

Bishop Charles E. Blake

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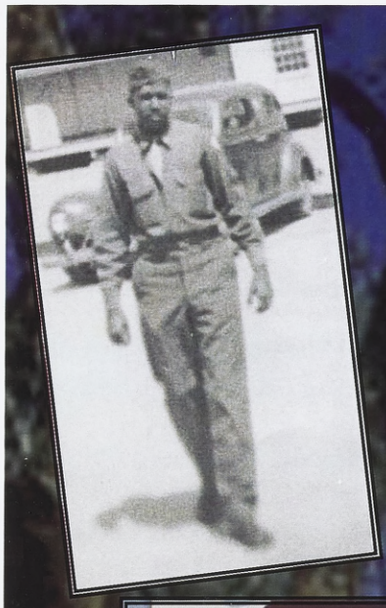

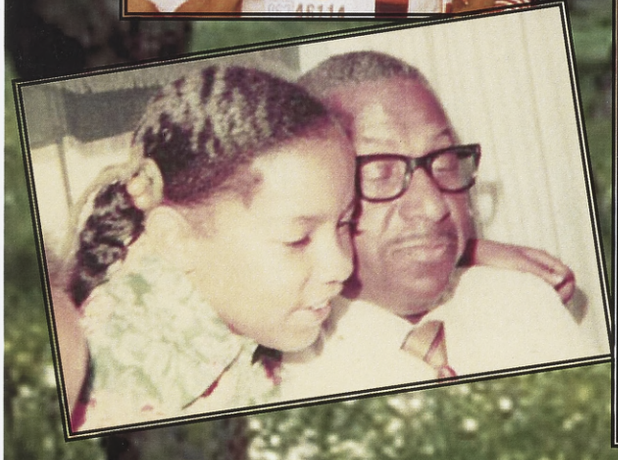

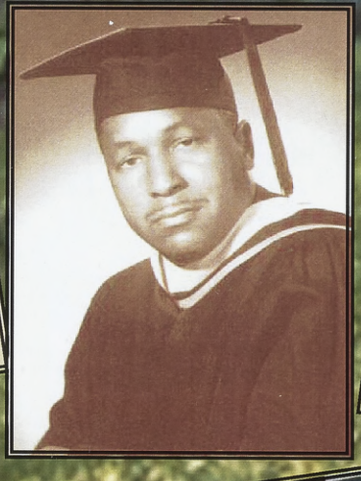

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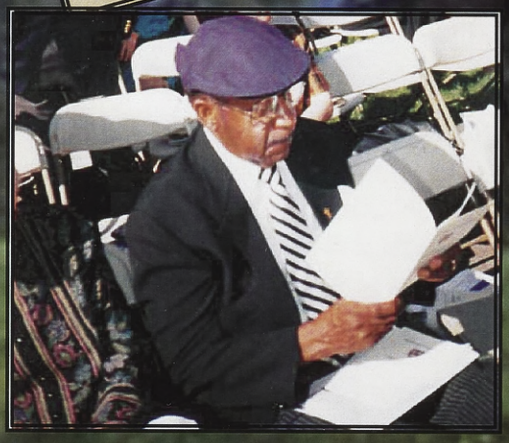


The Story of the Life of

Dr. Joseph Wilber Mayfield

Joseph Wilber Mayfield was born in Homer, Louisiana, on July 18,1916 to the Rev. Joe Mayfield and Celie Shyne. Joseph was the youngest in the family. He had four brothers and three sisters.

Early in life he learned the importance of faith in God and he received Christ at the age of nine.

He attended elementary school in Homer and graduated from Central High School in Shreveport, Louisiana, in May 1934. With the help of his mother and foster mother, Joseph matriculated into the largest Black University in the United States, Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. While attending Southern University, he maintained his membership in the Church of God in Christ at Baton Rouge, where he served faithfully during his four-year stay. In 1938 Joseph Wilber Mayfield graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree from Southern University, magna cum laude.

After graduation from Southern University, Joseph taught high school in Claiborne Parish for six years and coached the high school football team.

Joseph and the love of his life, Charlie Margaret Eckford, were married on December 26, 1939, in Camden, Arkansas.

Joseph Mayfield served in the United States Army from 1944 - 1946, entering with the rank of private. During his stay in the army, he received training and became an army counselor. He was honorably discharged from the army in 1946 with the rank of Staff Sergeant. Joseph and Charlie relocated to Los Angeles, California. Joseph worked as a Postal Clerk for the United States Post Office. In the interim, he returned to graduate school at the University of Southern California, where he did post graduate work in accounting and science. He obtained a California Teaching Credential, in the Los Angeles Unified School District. He was subsequently the first Black teacher to be assigned to Wilmington Junior High School. In 1963 he earned a master's degree in counseling and school psychology from California State University of Los Angeles. He became a school counselor and school psychologist, a position from which he retired in 1977. In May 1987 he graduated from the California Graduate School of Theology with a Doctor of Ministry in counseling. His doctoral thesis was entitled:

<u>The Need for Pastoral Christian Counseling in the Urban Black Church.</u>

Dr. Mayfield has always been active in the work of the Lord. He came up through the ranks of the Church by working wherever he was needed. He has served as a Sunday School Teacher, Y.P.W.W. Teacher, Deacon, and in the State Y.P.W.W. as the Santa Barbara District President. Acknowledging his call to the ministry, he was licensed as a Minister of the Gospel in 1954 under the late Bishop Louie M. Driver. He was ordained in 1961. From 1959 to 1972 he served as an associate minister and Youth Pastor at the Emmanuel Church of God in Christ. He was the Acting President of the State Y.P.W.W. Department from 1959 to 1961. In 1961 Bishop Samuel M. Crouch appointed Elder J. W. Mayfield as the State Youth (Y.P.W.W.) President. He served in this position for 22 years. Elder Mayfield worked in the First Jurisdiction of Southern California under the Late Bishop Samuel M. Crouch, the Late Bishop J. A. Blake, and with Bishop Charles E. Blake as a Senior Administrative Assistant.

In 1986, Dr. Mayfield was appointed Chairman of the Ordination Board by Bishop Blake and served until September 2006. During his incumbency over six hundred (600) Elders were Ordained. He also authored the <u>Ordination Manual</u> used in the First Jurisdiction Southern California Church of God in Christ, as well as in other Jurisdictions throughout the Churches of God in Christ.

For 36 years Dr. Mayfield served as the pastor of the 114th - Revival Center Triedstone Church of God in Christ. He was the former Shiloh District Superintendent and the former South Los Angeles Regional Superintendent. For ten years, Dr. Mayfield served on the National Judiciary Board that serves as the Supreme Court of the Church of God in Christ International.

On Wednesday evening, February 27, 2008, Dr. Joseph W. Mayfield departed this earthly life and moved to his eternal heavenly home to live with the Lord forever. He leaves a legacy of great love for God, his family, the Church, the work of the Lord and the people of God. He will be greatly missed.

Dr. Mayfield was a faithful husband, a devoted father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He leaves to cherish his memory a loving and devoted wife of sixty-eight years, Mrs. Charlie M. Mayfield, two daughters and one son that loved him dearly, Mrs. Mary Mayfield Smith (Alfred) of Rosewood, CA, Mrs. Margaret A. Barras, of Rialto, CA, and Elder Joseph W. Mayfield, Jr. of Carson, CA; two granddaughters, Mrs. Maria J. Muldrow, (Alex) and Mrs. Mia V. Sapp; Two grandsons, Anthony J. Barras (Tennille) and Attorney Alfred E. Smith, II (Rhena); nine great-grandchildren, Andrea Marie Clavon (Dwayne), George Polk, Jr., Ryan Lewis Polk, De'Andre Sapp, Jordan Walker, Jazmyne Barras, Te'lor Barras, Morgan Barras, and Anthony J. Barras Jr.; four godchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, friends, and the 114th - Revival Center Triedstone Church of God in Christ Church Family.

I Will Never Leave You

Do not be afraid.
Don't even think I will leave you.
For this will never do
For I must stay and see you safely through.

Life has been good to both of us,
Without a lot of pomp and fuss.
Simple and quiet but good,
Loving, caring and understood.

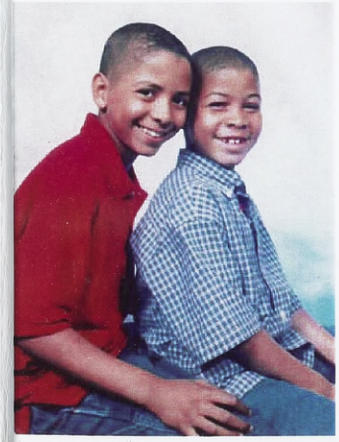
We rejoiced in spring
Then joys summer did bring,
And autumn came along
We were still working strong.

Now winter has come at last
With the other seasons past.
As God has fulfilled all our desires.
Now we can settle down serene
And review life's past screens.

After you are gone, I will linger on
For just a little while
Then I will take my departure
In a very elegant style.

We shall be reunited on the other side
Where all of God's children will
finally abide
There to live and rejoice forever
With the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the Divine Trinity,
For we are soul mates never to separate through Eternity.

Love
Your Wife
Charlie M. Mayfield



We Love You Grand daddy

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Acknowledgement
A Special Thank You From The Family of
Dr. Joseph W. Mayfield

Your kindness and your graciousness,
Has graced our pathway.
We are so appreciative,
Of your thoughtful ways.
Your prayers, your gifts, and your love,
are gentle reflections sent from above.

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